

City of Selah
Council Minutes
of
August 27, 2002

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

- A. Call to Order Mayor Bob Jones called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.
- B. Roll Call
- Members Present: Ron Deatherage, Keith Larson, Pete McNew, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt, Scott Smeback
- Members Excused: Jerry Kobes
- Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Kevin Roy, City Attorney; Rick Gutierrez, Interim Police Chief; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director; John Gawlik, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- Councilman Herb Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lowell Welker led the group in prayer.
- D. Agenda Changes
- E. Public Appearances
- F. Getting To Know Our Businesses
- G. Communications
1. Oral
2. Written
- H. Proclamations/Announcements
- I. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2002.
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims checks nos. 39210 – 39320 for a total of
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\$274,304.84 and Payroll checks nos. 49465 – 49557 for a total of \$102,753.14.

Councilman Schmid requested that Item N – 1, Ordinance Amending the 2002 Budget for East Naches Sidewalk Beautification Project, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Larson seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Offer To Purchase 22.93 Acres To Be Used for Potential Municipal Purposes

At the suggestion of City Attorney Kevin Roy, consideration of this item was postponed to the end of the meeting.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Amending the 2002 Budget for East Naches Sidewalk Beautification Project

Councilman Schmid praised the appearance of the East Naches/North Wenas street corner. He asked if there are any movements to pave additional sidewalks coming west on Naches.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated he has been contacted by two businesses that have expressed an interest. He stated if it looks as though people want to chip in and get going, the City will approach the Main street businesses about getting some assistance on the project.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2002 Budget for the East Naches Sidewalk Beautification Project. Roll was taken: Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- * 2. Ordinance Amending the 2002 Budget for Police Department Computer Replacements

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor

2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
 - a. Selah Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Report – July 2002
 - b. Selah Police Department Monthly Report – July 2002
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes August 6, 2002 - Approved

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported Phil Lamb has been hired as City Attorney for Union Gap. He stated Mr. Lamb would like to continue as Hearing Examiner for Selah and others; however, he and the City Attorney have some concerns. He stated he has contacted Pat Spurgeon, the Hearing Examiner Pro Tem, who has expressed an interest. He stated he will bring a contract before the Council in the near future, and noted Mr. Spurgeon is a former regional director for Department of Ecology and has worked for the Yakama Nation.

Councilman Scott Smeback reported the Selah Dolphins were mid-valley champions again this year. He stated there were 100 kids on the team which generated a great deal of community pride. He stated the pool was in good shape, operated well and had heat.

Councilman Larson thanked Interim Chief Gutierrez for his report.

Councilman Allen Schmid asked if there is consensus on a joint study session with the Planning Commission.

The City Supervisor responded that it will be held on September 10 from 2:00-4:00pm.

Councilman Schmid complimented the Public Works Department for their work on Speyers and 14th noting patrons are happy with improved water pressure. He praised workers' efficiency and conduct. Councilman Herb Schmidt added that Public Works also took care of a dead tree on Hillcrest before school started.

Public Works Director Joe Henne stated members of the Public Works crew who worked on those projects were Warren Peters, Bruce Forenpohar and Jim Morrison.

City Attorney Kevin Roy stated Selah Little League is about a week away from hydroseeding the McGonagle Park ball fields. He noted dust has been a recurring problem.

Interim Police Chief Rick Gutierrez reported his department made it through first day of school with no problems.

Parks & Rec Director Jeff Hagler reported his department has finished pool season and will have financial reports next month. He noted his department is looking at what they will need to do for next year. He stated fall sports are starting up. Councilman Scott Smeback noted a couple of bulbs are out at the pool.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported he is in the process of finalizing the 2003 budget worksheets and will hand them out to department heads tomorrow. He reported the sales tax information for August is higher than any month for a year and a half.

City Planner Dennis Davidson, speaking as a resident of the area, thanked Kevin Roy for the hydroseeding that will soon be done at McGonagle Park.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Gawlik reported the Town of Naches has expressed an interest in Selah's permitting process. He stated he and the City Attorney met with the Naches City Supervisor for preliminary discussions.

Mayor Jones thanked Mayor Pro Tem Herb Schmidt for serving while he was on vacation with his grandchildren. He reported that flags will go up Friday in honor of Labor Day and 9/11 and will go back up for Veterans Day and then down for the rest of the year.

Councilman Allen Schmid asked if the timing on traffic lights at 1st and Naches could be extended during high traffic periods of the day to allow busses through. Joe Henne stated he would talk to the state DOT.

Mayor Jones reported that he and Joe Henne walked yesterday to evaluate areas on South 1st, noting places they could clean up, and provide additional beautification.

Grace (Mrs. George) Maltzberger addressed the Council stating she has lived in Selah since 1955. She thanked the Council for the many improvements they have made in Selah, citing American Legion Park as an example. She stated she doesn't know how much longer she'll be able to attend Council meetings, but she has enjoyed her attendance over recent years. She urged the Council to keep up the good work.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to move into Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss real estate. By voice vote, motion carried.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 4:40pm.

Q. Executive Session

1. Real Estate

The Council moved back into regular session at 5:44pm. At that time they took up consideration of Item M-1, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Offer To Purchase 22.93 Acres To Be Used for Potential Municipal Purposes.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted this item concerns the purchase of Marudo Associates' property, 22.93 acres, at \$4.875 per square foot. He stated the property has been listed for several years at \$10.00 a square foot. He stated the entire property is under consideration because of the reduction in price from smaller portions. He stated the City has looked in the past for property for the Police Department, City Hall, the pool, etc. and that's why this item is before the Council now.

Councilman Herb Schmidt moved and Councilman Scott Smeback seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Offer To Purchase 22.93 Acres To Be Used for Potential Municipal Purposes. Roll was taken: Councilman Schmidt – yes, Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – pass; Councilman Larson – no; Councilman Deatherage – no.

Councilman Schmid stated this a major decision, different from those undertaken before and thus not easy for anyone on the Council. He stated no one can know whether this is a step forward or backward; however, it is important that all Council Members feel they made the right decision. He stated if the

Council approves this purchase, a committee should be formed of three council people to be heavily involved in determining future use of the property. He stated his feeling that the council was left out of some things that transpired and a committee might have been involved in early discussions. Having said that, Councilman Schmidt cast a yes vote.

Motion carried.

Mayor Jones appointed Allen Schmid, Keith Larson and Ron Deatherage to serve on the property review committee recommended by Councilman Schmid.

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.



Ronald Deatherage, Council Member

(Excused)

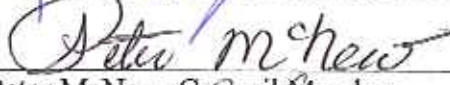
Gerald Kobes, Council Member



Herb Schmidt, Council Member


Scott Smeback, Council Member


Robert L. Jones, Mayor


Keith Larson, Council Member


Peter McNew, Council Member


Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer